# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AUSTIN DIVISION

<b>ERLINDA TENORIO and ABEL</b>	§		
TENORIO,	§		
	§		
Plaintiffs,	§		
	§		
v.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO: 17-	1116
	§	CIVIL ACTION NO.	
THE CITY OF KYLE, TEXAS and	§		
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD	§		
COMPANY,	§		
	§		
Defendants.	§		

## INDEX OF DOCUMENTS FILED WITH NOTICE OF REMOVAL

- 1. The State Court Docket Sheet as of 11/27/17;
- 2. Copies of all process, pleadings, orders, and other papers filed in the State Court Action and obtained by Union Pacific;
  - a. Plaintiffs' Original Petition and Jury Demand (filed 10/26/17); and
  - b. Citation to Defendant Union Pacific Railroad Company.

The state judge has not signed any orders.

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#### REGISTER OF ACTIONS

CASE No. 17-2263

ERLINDA TENORIO AND ABEL TENORIO VS. THE CITY OF KYLE, TEXAS § AND UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

š § § Case Type: Other Injury or Damages

Date Filed: 10/26/2017

Location: 207th District Court

PARTY INFORMATION

City of Kyle Defendant

100 W. Center St. Kyle, TX 78640

Defendant **Union Pacific Railroad Company** 

1999 Bryan St., Ste. 900

Dallas, TX 75201

**Plaintiff** Tenorio, Abel

> 101 Tenorio St Kyle, TX 78640

Kyle, TX 78640

Tenorio, Erlinda 101 Tenorio St.

Female

Male

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EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT

OTHER EVENTS AND HEARINGS

10/26/2017 Court's Docket Sheet 10/26/2017 Plaintiffs Original Petition (Open Case)

10/27/2017 Citation

Plaintiff

City of Kyle

Union Pacific Railroad Company 11/14/2017 Affidavit of Service/Return Of Service

City of Kyle

Served Served 11/09/2017

11/06/2017

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Plaintiff Tenorio, Erlinda

437 00 **Total Financial Assessment Total Payments and Credits** 437.00 Balance Due as of 11/27/2017 0.00

10/26/2017 Transaction Assessment

10/26/2017 Texfile Electronic Payment Receipt # 209519-DC 11/14/2017 Transaction Assessment 11/14/2017 Texfile Electronic Payment Receipt # 210919-DC

Tenorio, Erlinda

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NO.17-2263

ERLINDA, TENORIO and ABEL TENORIO

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

Plaintiffs

4.

VS.

OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS

THE CITY OF KYLE, TEXAS and

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY,

Defendants

207<sup>H</sup>JUDICIAL DISTRICT

#### PLAINTIFFS' ORIGINAL PETITION AND JURY DEMAND

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW COME Erlinda Tenorio and Abel Tenorio, Plaintiffs, complaining of the City of Kyle,
Texas and Union Pacific Railroad Company, and for causes of action would respectfully show the
following:

I.

Discovery herein is intended to be conducted pursuant to Level 3, Rule 190.4, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

II.

Venue is proper in Hays County, Texas in that the real property the subject of this suit is situated in Hays County, Texas and Defendant the City of Kyle, Texas is a homerule city situated in Hays County, Texas.

III.

Defendant the City of Kyle, Texas may be served with process by serving its Mayor, Todd Webster at 100 W. Center Street, Kyle, Texas 78640.

Union Pacific Railroad Company may be served with process by serving its registered agent, CT Corporation System, at 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201.

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IV.

Plaintiffs are the owners of a house and lot located at 101 Tenorio St., Kyle, Texas 78640, move particularly described as Lot 14, Jose Addition, Kyle, Hays County, Texas, ("the subject property"). The subject property is adjacent to property, including storm sewers and drainage ditches, owned and purportedly maintained by the City of Kyle, Texas ("the City"). The property adjacent to the subject property owned by the City is adjacent to property owned and purportedly maintained by Union Pacific Railroad Company("Union Pacific"). All references to the City and Union Pacific include their employees and agents acting within the scope of employment.

Plaintiffs would show that on or about October 30, 2015, the subject property experienced severe flooding that cause Plaintiffs to suffer extreme mental anguish and distress as well as damage to the subject property and Plaintiffs' personal property located therein. Plaintiffs would show that said flooding was the direct and proximate result of Defendants' failure to adequately maintain, using motor driven equipment, tangible personal property, and otherwise, Defendants' respective properties, and the City's failure adequately to engineer a proper drainage system to service the subject property.

V.

Defendants failure adequately to maintain their properties resulted in a trespass upon the subject property and constitutes negligence, gross negligence, an unlawful taking of Plaintiffs' property without just compensation and other causes of action. Defendants' conduct was and is a direct and proximate result of damages suffered by each of the Plaintiffs in amounts far in excess of the minimal jurisdiction limits of this Court, for which Plaintiffs hereby sue. Damages sought by Plaintiffs are in excess of \$200,000 but not more than \$1,000,000.

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VI.

Plaintiffs would show that Defendants had actual notice of the flooding event giving rise to this suit and that Defendants had actual knowledge of the propensity for the flooding event which occurred due to prior circumstances known to Defendants. Plaintiffs would show further that despite Defendants actual knowledge of the propensity for the flooding of the subject property, Defendants willfully ignored such knowledge and wholly failed to undertake necessary and/or adequate measures to remove or mitigate the propensity for flooding of the subject property, giving rise to Plaintiffs' damages. Further, Plaintiffs' damages arise from the condition of property owned by the City and Union Pacific.

VII.

In the alternative and in addition to the foregoing, Plaintiffs would show that the City long has neglected the neighborhood in which the subject property is located compared with other areas of the City. Further, the city negligently has allowed and permitted significant development in the area surrounding the subject property, increasing the propensity of flooding in the area, all of which, coupled with the City's failure to maintain its property, was a producing and/or proximate cause of damages suffered by Plaintiffs.

VIII.

Defendants' conduct was malicious, willful wanton and the type of conduct for which the law allows recovery of exemplary damages, for which Plaintiffs sue to the extent allowed by law, with the amount thereof to be determined by the trier of fact.

IX.

In the alternative and in addition to the foregoing, Plaintiffs hereby seek a declaratory judgment in which the Court determines and delineates the rights of Plaintiffs against Defendants with respect to the facts of this case as well as the responsibilities and duties of Defendants in relation thereto, the liability of Defendants for breaching said duties and responsibilities and the damages to which Plaintiffs are entitled as a result thereof.

X.

Plaintiffs further seek the recovery of all reasonable and necessary attorney's fees and all costs of court incurred in this cause through the trial of this suit and in the event of any and all appeals.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray that citation issue upon the Defendants and that upon final trial Plaintiffs have and recover of and from Defendants, jointly and severally, all actual damages suffered by Plaintiffs, exemplary damages, to the extent allowed by law, reasonable attorney's fees, prejudgment and post-judgment interest, all costs of Court, and for such other and further relief, both special and general, legal or equitable, to which Plaintiffs may be justly entitled to receive.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Jury Demand

Plaintiffs hereby make application and demand for a jury trial of this cause and Plaintiffs hereby tender the appropriate jury fee.

# CITATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO. 17-2263

STYLED: ERLINDA TENORIO AND ABEL TENORIO VS. THE CITY OF KYLE, TEXAS AND UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

TO: UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE HAD BY SERVING REGISTERED AGENT; CT CORPORATION SYSTEM, 1999 BRYAN STREET, SUITE 900, DALLAS, TX 75201

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

Attached is a copy of the PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION AND JURY DEMAND, which was filed by the PLAINTIFF, in the above styled and numbered cause on the 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017, in the 207th District Court of Hays County, San Marcos, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at San Marcos, Texas on this the 27th day of October, 2017.

REQUESTED BY:
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BEVERLY CRUMLEY
Hays County District Clerk
Hays County Government Center
712 Stagecoach Trail, Ste. 2211
San Marcos, Texas 78666

By: / Christina Cordero, Deputy

## OFFICER'S RETURN

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Service Fee:\$	SHERIFF/CONSTABLE/AUTHORIZED PERSON
Sworn to and subscribed before me this theday of	BY:
a a	Printed Name of Server
NOTARY PUBLIC, THE STATE OF TEXAS	County, Texas

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